

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Category: R

See Also: Policy EEAE, EEAEC & JICC

Appendix: EEA-R & JICC-R

The District will provide pupil transportation services consistent with applicable law.

Per RSA 193:12, students who are deemed legal residents of the school district pursuant to a divorce decree or parenting plan developed under RSA 461-A will not necessarily be provided for students admitted under this provision and under corresponding law. The Superintendent or designee will make all determinations as to whether transportation will be provided in such circumstances. The Superintendent or designee's decision will be final.

General Operating Policy

The Superintendent, subject to review by the Board, shall establish bus routes. Routes will be developed annually and posted. Pupils who attend chartered public schools within the district and pupils who attend private schools shall be entitled to the same transportation privileges within the District as are provided for pupils in public school. Bus stops shall be established under the direction of the Superintendent. A bus stop so established will be designated as authorized when the School Board has approved its designation as such. Drivers may not load or unload pupils at other than authorized bus stops.

Student Conduct on School Buses

Bus drivers have the responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report, in writing, misconduct to the student's Principal. Parents of children whose conduct on school buses endangers the health, safety and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of school bus riding privileges in accordance with the student discipline code. The school Principal will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students failing to conform to bus rules and regulations. The Board must approve suspensions of riding privileges that continue beyond twenty (20) days.

Resolution of Conflicts

Parents who wish to request a change or exemption from any of the Student Transportation policies shall direct that request to the SAU Transportation Coordinator. If the SAU Transportation Coordinator's ruling does not satisfy the parent, he/she may appeal the ruling within five days to the Superintendent. If the parent is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the Superintendent within the next five-day period. As a last appeal, the parent may request to appear before the Board's Transportation Committee.

Legal References:

RSA 189:6, Transportation of Pupils

RSA 189:8, Limitations and Additions

RSA 189:9, Pupils in Private Schools

RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons

RSA 193:12, Legal Residency Required
RSA 194-B:2, V, Chartered Public Schools; Establishment

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